

**SOUTH MIDDLETON SCHOOL DISTRICT  
4 Forge Road, Boiling Springs, PA 17007**

**SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
August 18, 2008**

The South Middleton Board of Directors met on August 18, 2008, in the Board Room of the Iron Forge Educational Center for a Regular School Board Meeting. The President called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

The Secretary called the roll with all members present except as designated:

**School Directors**

Mr. Michael Berk

Mrs. Shelly Capozzi

Mr. Joseph Fay, Jr.

Mr. Mark Juliana

Mrs. Elizabeth Knouse

Ms. Pamela Martin

Mr. Paul Slifko, III

Mrs. Kimberly Vensel - **Absent**

Mr. Robert Winters

**Administrative Staff**

Dr. Patricia B. Sanker, Superintendent

Janet Adams, Principal

**Student Representatives to the Board**

Brendan D. VanGorder - **Absent**

Jayson Schaufert - **Absent**

**Visitors**

See attachment to the minutes.

**Board Secretary (Non Member)**

Jeffrey Ammerman

**Recording Secretary**

Beth Scott

**Solicitor**

Philip H. Spare

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### **INTRODUCTIONS AND RECOGNITION**

Dr. Sanker welcomed and introduced Mr. Richard R. Vensel, the new Business Manager/Board Secretary for South Middleton School District. Mr. Vensel is replacing Mr. Jeffrey Ammerman who will be leaving the district as of August 22, 2008. Mr. Vensel is scheduled to begin work on October 6, 2008, and in the meantime he has already met with Mr. Ammerman for two days as part of the transition to the new position.

### **ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES**

Mr. Winters made a motion, seconded by Mr. Berk, that the Board approves the minutes from the following meeting:

-August 4, 2008 – Regular Board Meeting

**The motion passed unanimously.**

### **CITIZENS PARTICIPATION**

Mr. Merlie welcomed Mr. Vensel to South Middleton School District, and expressed his thanks and appreciation for Mr. Ammerman's work with the district.

### **REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE SUPERINTENDENT, ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT, BUSINESS MANAGER AND ADMINISTRATORS**

Dr. Sanker mentioned that Dr. Tippett, Assistant Superintendent, is excused from attending this evening's Board meeting due to final preparations for the upcoming in-service days. Dr. Withum is conducting a new family orientation program at Yellow Breeches tonight. Dr. Sanker announced that Yellow Breeches Middle School placed sixth in the nation and first in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania for raising funds for the American Diabetes Association. The Diabetes Association and the school district will prepare press releases regarding this achievement. Dr. Sanker also reported that the Administration Team met with new families at the War College to provide information about South Middleton School District. Representatives from the Carlisle Area School District and Cumberland Valley School District were also in attendance. This program is very well received and appreciated each year by the War College.

Ms. Martin, President of the Board, presented Mr. Ammerman with a Bubbler sweatshirt and athletic cap as a token of appreciation for his hard work and dedicated service to the district over the past four years.

### **NOTICES AND COMMUNICATIONS - None**

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### NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Berk made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Knouse, that the Board approves the agenda of August 18, 2008 with all corrections as indicated. **The motion passed unanimously.**

Mr. Slifko made a motion, seconded by Mr. Fay, to authorize ELA Sports to advertise for bids for replacement lighting for the Ecker Field Renovation project. **The motion passed unanimously.**

Mr. Winters made a motion, seconded by Mr. Berk, to approve all of the following as a block motion:

The Board approved the list of school buses, school bus drivers, and physicians giving physical examinations to school bus drivers for the 2008-2009 school year.

The Board approved the Purchase of Service Agreement between Northwestern Human Services of PA, NHS Autism School and the South Middleton School District for the provision of classroom services for the 2008-2009 school year at a cost to the District of \$23,792.40 per student plus the cost of any related service, i.e., speech therapy, occupational therapy, etc. or an individual aide, if required by the IEP.

The Board approved the following personnel items:

### PROFESSIONAL STAFF

#### EMPLOYMENT

The Board employed the following personnel:

Name: Jessica Cichocki  
Certification: English  
Position: English Teacher – YBMS (Replacing Raymond Mowery)  
Salary: Step 3, Bachelor's Degree - \$38,487  
Starting Date: August 20, 2008

Name: Kevin Scharlau  
Certification: Elementary/Early Childhood  
Position: Kindergarten Teacher – W.G. Rice Elementary  
Salary: Step 1, Bachelor's Degree - \$37,912  
Starting Date: August 20, 2008

Name: Robert C. Waynick  
Certification: Health/Physical Education  
Position: Health/Phys. Ed. Teacher - BSHS  
Salary: Step 1, Bachelor's Degree - \$37,912  
Starting Date: August 20, 2008

The Board employed Dean R. Clepper on a part-time, temporary basis to work as Acting Director of Transportation at a rate of \$50/hour, not to exceed a total cost of \$5,000.

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### MENTOR TEACHERS

The Board approved the following mentor teachers for the 2008-2009 school year at \$488.

<u>Mentor Teacher</u>	<u>Inductee</u>	<u>Year</u>
Beecher, Megan	Vincent, Melissa	1
Roher, Kristina	Watkins, Kyle	1
Snyder, Sharon	Cichocki, Jessica	1
Spisak, Kimberly	Hagerty, Nancy	1
Strawley, Steve	Kenyon, Kent	1

### EXTRA DUTY

The Board approved the following extra duty co-curricular positions for the 2008-2009 school year:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Salary</u>
Fulton, Janette	Class of 2010 Advisor	\$1,056
Eichelberger, Amy	Interact Co-Advisor	792
Jarrett, Jason	TSA Club Co-Advisor	660
Fetterolf, Luke	TSA Club Co-Advisor	660
Jarrett, Jason	District Printing	2,640

### GUEST TEACHER PROGRAM

The Board approved the attached list of substitute teachers under the Guest Teacher Program for the 2008-2009 school year at \$90 per day.

### SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS

The Board approved the following substitute teacher for the 2008-2009 school year at \$90 per day.

Name: Stephanie Sevick  
Address: 6 Redwood Court  
Camp Hill, PA 17011  
Certification: Elementary/Special Education

### RESIGNATION

The Board accepted the resignation of Amanda Garman from the position of Special Education teacher at the W.G. Rice Elementary School, effective August 11, 2008.

### CHANGE IN POSITION

The Board approved the voluntary transfer of Megan J. Capuano from the position of Special Education teacher at the Boiling Springs High School to the position of Special Education teacher at W.G. Rice Elementary School, effective with the beginning of the 2008-2009 school year (replacing Amanda Garman).

**CLASSIFIED**

**EMPLOYMENT**

The Board employed the following Crossing Guards – Part-Time positions for the 2008-2009 school year.

William Hedrick  
Terry Hockley  
Robert Johnson  
Ronald Mell  
Cyrus Russell  
Ortho Shields  
Donna Spoonhour

The Board employed the following School Police – Part-Time positions for the 2008-2009 school year.

Kimberly White  
George Stapleton  
William Hedrick  
Terry Hockley  
Robert Johnson  
David Lee  
Ronald Mell  
Cyrus Russell  
Otho Shields  
Bryan Smith

The Board employed the following part-time Kitchen Aide at the W.G. Rice Elementary School:

Name: Agnes Rhinehart  
Position: Kitchen Aide (3.75/hrs./day) (replacing Patricia Llaguano)  
Salary: \$9.17/hr.  
Starting Date: Beginning of the 2008-2009 school year

**RESIGNATION**

The Board accepted the resignation of Wendy Murray from the position of Guidance/Library Aide at the Yellow Breeches Middle School, effective August 25, 2008.

**MENTOR TEACHERS**

The Board approved the following mentor teachers for the 2008-2009 school year at \$488.

<u>Mentor Teacher</u>	<u>Inductee</u>	<u>Year</u>
Burns, Sarah	Scharlau, Kevin	1
Ferrell, Barbara	Waynick, Robert	1

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### SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS

The Board approved the following substitute teacher for the 2008-2009 school year:

Name: Sarah Hammaker

Certification: Music

The Board approved the following department chair for the 2008-2009 school year: (This name was, in error, omitted from the listing of department chairs submitted in June 2008).

<u>Name</u>	<u>Department</u>	<u>Salary</u>
Weistermeier, Kathy	Library	\$2,136

The Board appointed Beth Scott as recording secretary for the meetings of August 18, September 2, and September 15, 2008.

### **The motion passed unanimously.**

Motion made by Mr. Berk and seconded by Mrs. Knouse to approve the following personnel item:

The Board employed the following substitute Kitchen Aide for the 2008-2009 school year:

Name: Judy Bell

Position: Substitute Kitchen Aide

Salary: \$9.17/hr.

Starting Date: Beginning of 2008-2009 school year

The motion passed as follows:

8 – Aye, 1 – Absent, and 1 – Abstention – Mr. Winters abstained.

## REPORTS OF SPECIAL OR ADVISORY COMMITTEES

### **Facilities Committee**

Mr. Slifko reported that the committee discussed the bid advertising for the lighting project at Ecker field, the bleacher quotes for the stadium, the tree consultation report for various trees throughout the district, and UGI Utilities Right-Of-Way at the intersection of Ladnor Lane and the Holly Pike.

### **Education Committee**

Mrs. Knouse reported that at the last Education Committee meeting class size, courses with low enrollment at the high school, curriculum changes, staff development and preliminary PSSA results were discussed.

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### **Capital Area Intermediate Unit**

Mr. Winters stated that a copy of the minutes was included in board packet. Please let him know if you have any questions.

### **Capital Area Tax Bureau**

Mr. Berk reported the meeting was every organized and efficient, and the tax bureau has engaged the services of Triad Strategies, a public relations firm, to promote, market, and to create a positive image of the tax bureau. The SAS 70 audit has been put on hold until some procedures have been updated and put into place. The tax bureau is moving forward with seeking a new executive director.

### **Cumberland Perry Vocational Technical School**

Mr. Juliana stated that he was seeking input from his fellow board members that he, as a representative to the Vo-Tech Board, should be supporting ways that the Vo-Tech can market and promote the curriculum and programs offered there, and support the budget and expenditures to the benefit of the students. Board members encouraged him to move forward in this direction.

### **Legislative Report**

Mr. Berk reported that Joseph M. Torsella is the new chairman of the State Board of Education and PSSA test results have been released. He reminded the Board of the need to appoint voting delegates to the Legislative Policy Council meeting scheduled to be held at the PASA-PSBA School Leadership Conference in Hershey.

### **Recreation and Parks Report**

Mr. Fay referred fellow Board members to the minutes of the June 19, 2008, meeting which were enclosed in the previous board packet.

### **South Middleton Township**

Mr. Juliana mentioned that a final vote was complete for a residential development, including single homes and townhouses in the district. He also mentioned that he felt the 1,000 projected enrollment of students from this development was probably high.

**CITIZENS PARTICIPATION – None**

### **RECOMMENDATIONS OR QUESTIONS FROM SCHOOL DIRECTORS AND STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES TO THE BOARD**

Mr. Berk commented that it was great to see teachers working in the classrooms and preparing for the opening of schools. He also commented that the Policy Committee needs to meet once school has opened.

Mr. Fay welcomed Mr. Vensel and extended best wishes to Mr. Ammerman and is looking forward to a good school year.

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Mr. Slifko agreed that the Policy Committee needs to meet.

Mrs. Knouse commented that last week the fall sports began practice and thanked Dr. Sanker for the administration's participation in the orientation program for new families at the War College.

Mr. Winters commented that he visited with Mrs. Lappi, the Assistant Principal at W.G. Rice Elementary School, and he noticed that she had her higher education degrees displayed in her office. He would encourage all members of the faculty to display and to be proud of the degrees they have obtained.

Mr. Juliana welcomed Mr. Vensel and wished Mr. Ammerman success in his new position.

Mrs. Capozzi extended her best wishes to Mr. Ammerman and welcomed Mr. Vensel.

Ms. Martin commented that she has heard the marching band rehearsing. A picnic was held for parents to meet the new band director, and it was a good start to the band season.

### EXECUTIVE SESSION AND ADJOURNMENT

The Board went into an Executive Session for a Legal Matter and Personnel items at 8:10 p.m. The Board resumed Regular Session at 8:50 p.m.

Mr. Slifko made a motion, seconded by Mr. Berk to approve the following personnel item:

The Board accepted the resignation of Jessica Conner from the position of Health and Physical Education teacher at Boiling Springs High School, effective August 4, 2008, and approves of the Agreement and Release. **By roll call vote, the motion passed unanimously.**

Mr. Berk made a motion, seconded by Mr. Winters to adjourn the meeting and it was unanimously approved. The meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Beth Scott  
Recording Secretary